REP. FORD DEFENDS WARREN UNIT REPORT

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WASHINGTON, Oct. 5 (AP) — Representative Gerald R. Ford, a member of the commission that investigated the assassination of President Kennedy, said today no evidence had been brought up that would cast doubt on its findings.

The report of the commission headed by Chief Justice Earl Warren has been the target of several critics recently. These have not so much attacked the central finding that Lee Harvey Oswald shot Mr. Kennedy, but rather have suggested that the commission conducted its study hastily and showed more interest in producing a report that would quiet rumors than in following every possible lead to the end. Some have suggested the possibility that someone in addition to Oswald might have been involved.

Mr. Ford, a Michigan Republican and his party's leader in the House, said in a statement that the American people should ask themselves one question:

"In all of the critiques, has any new evidence been introduced that would cast doubt on the findings of the Warren Commission? There is only one answer to that question, and that answer is 'no.' "